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Wood County proposal fails

By PAMELA BURGESS
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The April 5 annexation election called by TJC to annex Wood County into the TJC district proved unsuccessful.

"We do not consider the annexation failure or a defeat in the least," said TJC President Raymond M. Hawkins. "The failure of Northeast Community College (of Chapel Hill near Mount Pleasant) to annex Winnsboro into its tax district coupled with the voters' desire to formally affiliate with a community/junior college is simply a preservation of the status quo--and that was our main goal."

Although the election did carry in all existing TJC tax district boxes in Smith and Van Zandt counties it did not gain enough support in Wood County to make the election a success. Hawkins expressed his thanks to voters in those areas.

A total of 10,169 votes were cast in Smith, Van Zandt and Wood Counties. The proposal suffered defeat by only 923 votes. Those in

favor of the proposed annexation totaled 4,623. Opposing votes cast totaled 5,546.

Only 302 voted in favor of annexation in Wood County while 4,705 were in opposition.

The annexation proposal election held by NTCC in Winnsboro also failed, with 1,372 in opposition of the annexation and only 154 in favor of the proposal.

Even though the proposal by TJC to annex Wood County failed, TJC will continue to serve Wood County.

"Nothing has changed," Hawkins said. "We will continue to service that area (Wood County). The reason we became involved was to preserve our service area."

"A strong junior college directly and indirectly benefits the entire region of East Texas," Hawkins added.

The TJC Board of Trustees met today to discuss and re-examine their original purpose in calling the annexation election and its defeat.



photo by alan freeman

'Memories' review opens tonight

By ALAN FREEMAN
staff writer

The Apache Belles will present "Memories--An All College Review" at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday in Caldwell Auditorium in downtown Tyler.

The show will combine talent from campus organizations and students, Apache Belle Director Ruth Flynn said. The Apache Band, Belles, Cheerleaders, Harmony and Understanding and individual students will all take part to make the show entertaining.

This year's show includes three acts. The first covers the era of live

theater, the second takes a look at trends, music, and dance over the last few years and the third is a tribute to the nation, Texas and TJC.

The finale following will feature alumni Lynn Archer, Allison Fazel, Paula Ambrico Hudnall, Candy Crocker Jordan, Judy Brooks May, Cindy Miller Nicks, Betty Haesly Rhodes, Athena Fulgham Russell and Karen Jeffery Sanders performing in Belle uniforms used while they were attending TJC.

Students and organizations tried out earlier for a chance to be in the production. Flynn said the show gives students and organizations on campus a chance to do a spring per-

formance. Because football and basketball games and parades and other fall activities are not available at this time of year, students need an opportunity to perform and gain more experience. This show also gives participants a different kind of production experience than those in the fall.

Students in the show create their own choreography and costumes and other aspects of their performances.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, in Wagstaff Gym, or from Apache Belles. Admission costs \$4 for adults and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens.

Library sets new hours

TJC students faced with imminent exams and class projects will be turning to Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center for help. New hours have been added to the schedule.

April hours are:

Sundays, 1 to 8 p.m.

Mondays-Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

Hours beginning Sunday, May 4, are:

Sundays, May 4 and May 11, 1 to 8 p.m.

Monday-Thursday, May 5-8, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Friday, May 9, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 10, 1 to 3 p.m.

Monday-Wednesday, May 12, 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, May 15 and 16, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The extended hours end with exam week and the Library will return to its regular schedule.

Students checking out books from Vaughn Library should understand the standard rules, said Library Services Director Johnnyn Kennedy.

Books must be checked out from

Vaughn Library at the circulation desk on the main floor.

When returning books, a student may place them in the slot at the left

end of the circulation desk, in the book drop outside the Library, or in the book drop south of the Student Center. The outside book drops are emptied several times a day, Kennedy said.

All books must go through the circulation department to clear the student's record.

If a student returning books needs to check out other books at that time, he must return the books to the circulation desk himself to have them removed from his record.

"We encourage the students to take advantage of the resources Vaughn Library has to offer," Kennedy said.

Women's seminars open today

By BRENDA PRICE
staff writer

The first of five free seminars designed for women and non-traditional students begins tonight, said Support Services Specialist Vickie Geisel.

"You and Career Exploration, Self-Assessment and Goal Learning" will be presented by Ginger Barnett, contract trainer for Job Search Club at Women's Center of Tarrant County.

Barnett will discuss self-motivation pertaining to career goals, as well as identify individual strengths and work values. She will speak from 5:30 to 7 p.m. tonight and from 1 to 2:30 p.m. tomorrow.

More than 800 persons from the community and TJC attended the seminar series last spring, Geisel said.

"It was really a lot of fun," said Geisel. "People have already been asking about the next one. Of course, we're hoping for another success."

This year's seminars include totally different topics, said Geisel.

"You and Loss, Depression and the Loneliness Trap" deals with coping in today's world, handling unfinished business, loneliness or loss in life. Two sessions are set for 5:30 to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 17, and 12-1:30 p.m. April 18. Sherry Munn, Ed.D., a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Tyler, will be the speaker.

Jim Usrey, investment representative for Edward D. Jones and Co., will discuss "You and Money Management." His talk will include making money and budgeting. Usrey will speak from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22.

"You and the Superwoman Syndrome" will deal with the balance between home and career for women. Velma Walker, Ph.D., coordinator of placement and career information at Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus, will speak from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 7 p.m. April 30. Walker authored "Human Relations Handbook" and "Becoming Aware of Yourself and Others."

The last seminar will be May 8 from 12:40 to 2:05 p.m. Pat Lutz Ponder, Ed.D., counselor-educator at East Texas State University and marriage and family therapist will discuss "You and Yours: Improving and Understanding Relationships." She will cover the dynamics and family interactions affecting parent-child relationships.

"This spring we're offering day and night sessions for most of the talks for the people who work or attend night classes," said Geisel.

Referral information and/or representatives from area woman's organizations will be available at the end of each session.

The free seminars will be in the Student Center Lounge, said Geisel. The program is funded by a Texas Education Agency Occupational Education Grant.

"We're here for the student who thinks she can't do it," said Geisel. "We consider our program to be a point of return. We can help with registration or finding classes as well as tutoring."

"Many students have been out of school for some time and we provide assistance, a place to go and a place for reference," said Geisel. "I hope we can help them to achieve their goals in life and in school."

Slavin juggles torches, hatchets

By DONNA RIFFLE
assistant editor

One should never take Dave Slavin to the produce section of the grocery store or they may be surprised, and slightly embarrassed when various fruits and vegetables begin to fly through the air. Freshman Slavin has been juggling since his junior high school days in Sugarland.

"I saw someone on TV juggling and I thought, 'I could do that, too,'" says Slavin, who taught himself the basics of the art which he believes is fun and "builds coordination for almost anything."

"My parents thought I was crazy at first," he laughs. "but they were shocked that I could do it. Now they get tired of seeing me do it."

Slavin's interest persuaded his parents to open "David's Store," where Slavin "dressed up as a clown, sold toys, juggled and made free balloon animals for kids."

Balls, torches, hatchets and clubs—all are tools of the trade for Slavin, who "jokingly" considered opening

a clown school after high school.

"I've always admired circus clowns," states Slavin with obvious sincerity. "Some people were born with humor. I wasn't, but I got mine from hanging around people that were funny."

Slavin, who learned most of his juggling tricks from a friend who knew the art, says, "I can juggle four balls and three of everything else (clubs, torches and hatchets.)"

For the student, learning to juggle more than just balls didn't come overnight. When it came to using the hatchets, he began by working with one and then two to "get used to it, and gradually move on."

Moving on also meant practicing with rings of fire. "When I first started, I was afraid I was going to burn myself," he says. "You have to concentrate on what you're doing when you're dealing with dangerous objects."

Slavin got early experience performing in front of people at high school football games. He and a friend would dress up, paint

themselves in the school colors and perform various tricks. It was worth it, Slavin said, because it "got me in the school yearbook."

Slavin got more experience performing in front of a large crowd at "The Westheimer Arts Festival," an annual Houston event. Slavin performed at the local art and talent festival.

He was intimidated when first juggling in front of people. "I was afraid I would mess up," he says. "and make a total jerk out of myself. Once, while I was juggling, someone asked, 'How do you do that?' 'Don't know,' I said. 'I've been trying to catch these damn things for 30 minutes.'"

Of all the audiences he has entertained, Slavin says children are his favorite because "they are more fun to be with." He was flattered, he says when at the arts festival, a child asked for his autograph. "Kids are more impressed," he laughs.

Not only does Slavin juggle for himself, he teaches it to any willing person.



photo by Leah Colmer

W.C. FIELDS--Dave Slavin demonstrates juggling talents he has worked with and perfected since he was in junior high.

He claims it is a fairly simple process. "Once you learn to juggle clubs and balls, it's easy. I've been juggling for so long it seems like nothing."

"I juggle for self enjoyment and

the enjoyment of others," Slavin says. "It's a constant challenge because I'm always trying to teach myself different tricks and there are so many variations I know I'll never learn it all."

Send in the clowns.

Students need to study, ignore spring fever

With only one month of school left many students are concentrating on activities other than studying.

Even though such little time remains until summer break, instructors still must give homework and other projects to be completed before the semester ends.

It is difficult to ignore bright sunshine and clear skies in order to spend hours at the library or some other quiet place studying.

The results of not neglecting schoolwork will eventually pay off when the sunbats begin to fade.

Even those with poor study habits can make an effort to manage study time and produce at least a minimum result.

Students should realize the importance of studying just as diligently the last four weeks of school as they did the first four weeks.

Accomplishing one goal at a time helps alleviate the frustration felt while studying. Taking short breaks between study sessions can curb the monotony. Studying with another person is another solution to make the routine more appealing.

Free tutoring is offered through the Counseling Center. Math and accounting students can receive additional help through free open labs in Potter Hall.

Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center is extending weeknight and weekend hours to further accommodate students' study needs.

Staying on top of assignments and continuing regular study habits will also help decrease tensions during finals.

Project Excel offers free tutoring

By BRENDA PRICE
staff writer

First-semester students sometimes suffer from "college shock," especially around final exams. In olden days they might have agonized alone, but now there's help.

TJC's Project Excel is a free student-to-student tutor program designed for students with limited study skills; weaknesses in areas such as mathematics, spelling, writing and reading or others who have simply fallen behind in class for a variety of reasons.

Support Services Specialist Vickie Geisel directs three areas of counseling: tutoring, services for disabled students and guidance for women and nontraditional students.

Geisel came to TJC two years ago to coordinate special services.

"We wanted a place where students could find academic and emotional support, as well as references," said Geisel.

References include everything from child care to Alcoholics Anonymous, said Geisel.

Excel tutors are taught to provide assistance to students with academic potential.

"We teach our tutors not to do their partner's homework for them," said Geisel. "Nobody wins in that situation."

Tutors are not substitutes for teachers, but are available for assistance and support.

"Listening is so important," said Geisel. "Many times problems can be solved by talking them through."

Excel seeks students who have a B or better average in the course they

"Of course, it's best for everyone when you bring us the little problems before they get big," said Geisel.

wish to tutor. They must also be recommended by past or present instructors. Prospective tutors also attend inservice training before beginning.

The program offers free tutoring because tutors are paid with funds from a Texas Education Agency Occupational Education Grant, said Geisel.

The worst mistake that needy students make is to wait until the last minute to find a tutor. Usually at least one day is required to match tutors with tutees. It may be several days before the partners can arrange a convenient meeting time for both.

The traffic in and out of Geisel's special services office is generally lightest during the beginning of the semester.

"Things really pick up around

midterm," said Geisel, and the pace continues through finals.

The student who will benefit from tutoring may lack basic skills, have limited study habits, have a weak

background in certain areas, be on scholastic probation and be enrolled in courses requiring extra reading.

Geisel believes that the student who actively participates in Project Excel can come away with academic success and personal satisfaction.

Further information about Project Excel and other special services is available at Geisel's office in the counseling offices of the Student Center.

"We're here to help," said Geisel, "and we believe we can make a difference!"

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Campus Briefs

Library opens education exhibit

"Scholars, Scoundrels and Schoolteachers: Education in Texas," an exhibit which opened Monday in Vaughn Library and Learning Resources Center, will run through April 25 during library hours.

The exhibit traces the course of Texas education from the early schooling of young Indians through the establishment of statewide minimum educational standards, explained Library Services Director Johnnye Kennedy.

A slide presentation on loan from the Smith County Historical Society, features early schools in Smith County.

The exhibit was produced by the University of Texas Institute of Texas Cultures at San Antonio.

Phi Theta Kappa elects officers

The Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa has selected officers for next year. They are: President Andy Smith, Vice President Liz Carsten, Secretary Alea Reed and Treasurer Tonya Newbill.

Officers will be installed and the 125 students who accepted invitations to join the honor society will be initiated at the spring banquet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Center Lounge.

Faculty and family members are invited to attend, explained Sponsor Lena Exum, at a cost of \$6.50 per person.

Abbey receives scholarship

Office Occupations Instructor Johnny Abbey received the \$3,500 Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Scholarship specifically designated for use in her doctoral studies. Abbey plans to attend East Texas State University.

"I am working toward an education doctorate majoring in secondary and higher education with a minor in business education," she said.

After receiving her degree, Abbey plans to return to TJC. "I wish to remain at the disposal of TJC. I love it here," she said.

Abbey is a graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler and North Texas State University.

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For more information, contact:
Vickie Geisel, Support Services Specialist
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12:00-1:30 p.m.

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Speaker: Sherry Munn, Ed.D., a licensed professional counselor in private practice in Tyler.

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Speaker: Velma Walker, Ph.D., coordinator of placement and career information at Tarrant County Junior College, Northeast Campus. Author of *Human Relations Handbook* and *Becoming Aware of Yourself and Others*.

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Speaker: Pat Lutz Ponder, Ed.D, counselor-educator at East Texas State University, marriage and family therapist.

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Participants declare Fizz Fit Week 'success'

By IRIS BILBERRY
staff writer

Scott Griffin and Jody Rowell were named Mr. and Miss Fitness in the student body-building contest culminating TJC's first Physical Fitness Week.

They each won a trophy and a three-month membership to Gold's Gym in Tyler.

Men and women were judged in three categories: symmetry-balance of muscle and overall muscle tone of the body, comparison-set poses used to display flexed muscles and routines--choreographed by students to display what they feel

are their most outstanding features.

John Rulan, Bill Hartlin, Paul Riley, Hillary Roberts and Nelan Kyle judged the event.

Other Fitness Week activities included aerobics and karate sessions, a Fizz Run, Fizz Walk and an Easter Egg Hunt. Nutritional foods were served in the cafeteria throughout the week.

In the tennis tournament, the faculty team of Math Instructors David Demic and George Tefteller defeated the administration team, Dr. Billy Jack Doggett and Ken Dance.

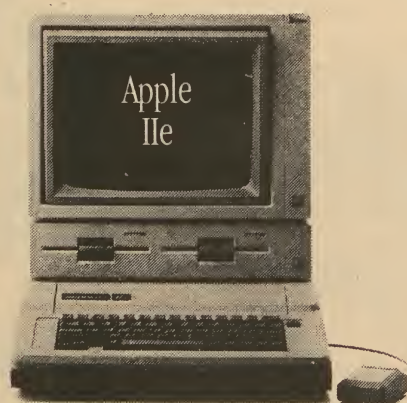
"This year's Fizz Fit Week was terrific!" said Fitness Week Coordinator Rebecca Laughlin-Foster.

She thanked the Sportster, Sportsman Corner, Cosmopolitan Spa, Wood Creek Health Club, Racquet and Jog, Oshman's and the Geld Club for providing prizes for drawings during the Mr. and Miss Fit Contest.

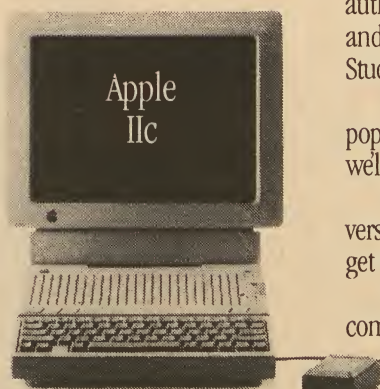
Laughlin-Foster, who placed second in her age group in the Azalea Run, also thanked Alan Hun for lights, the TJC cafeteria staff for preparing health foods and Dennis Holland for four two-month memberships to his studio in Whitehouse given away during the week.

"And a special, special thanks goes to the students of TJC who participated. Their participation was remarkable!" Laughlin-Foster said.

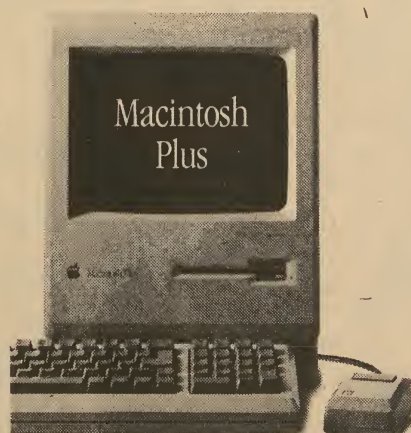
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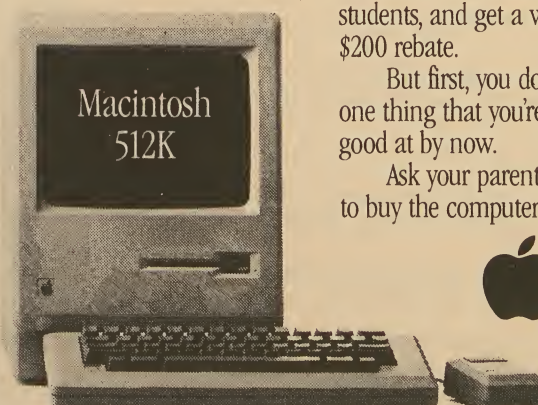
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